KELLER BENVENUTTI KIM LLP WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP 1 Tobias S. Keller (#151445) Richard K. Slack (pro hac vice) (tkeller@kbkllp.com) 2 (richard.slack@weil.com) Peter J. Benvenutti (#60566) Jessica Liou (pro hac vice) 3 (pbenvenutti@kbkllp.com) (jessica.liou@weil.com) Jane Kim (#298192) Matthew Goren (pro hac vice) 4 (jkim@kbkllp.com) (matthew.goren@weil.com) 650 California Street, Suite 1900 New York, NY 10153-0119 5 San Francisco, CA 94108 (212) 310-8000 Tel: Tel: (415) 496-6723 Fax: (212) 310-8007 6 Fax: (650) 636-9251 Attorneys for Debtors and 7 Reorganized Debtors 8 9 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 11 12 In re: Case Nos. 19-30088 (DM) (Lead Case) (Jointly Administered) 13 **PG&E CORPORATION, DECLARATION OF ROBB MCWILLIAMS** 14 - and -IN SUPPORT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF 15 AN ORDER FURTHER EXTENDING PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, DEADLINE FOR THE REORGANIZED 16 DEBTORS TO OBJECT TO CLAIMS AND FOR RELATED RELIEF 17 Debtors. Date: April 7, 2021 18 ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation Time: 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) Place: (Telephonic or Video Only) ☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company 19 United States Bankruptcy Court ■ Affects both Debtors Courtroom 17, 16th Floor 20 San Francisco, CA 94102 \* ALL PAPERS SHALL BE FILED IN THE 21 LEAD CASE, NO. 19-30088 (DM). **Objection Deadline:** 22 March 31, 2021, 4:00 pm (PT) 23 24 25 26 27 28

Case: 19-30088 Doc# 10409 Filed: 03/17/21 Entered: 03/17/21 18:05:53 Page 1 of 5

I, Robb C. McWilliams, hereby declare that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

- 1. I am a Managing Director at the firm of AlixPartners, LLP ("AlixPartners"), which is an affiliate of both AlixPartners, LLC and AP Services, LLC, ("APS"), which provided interim management services to Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as debtors and reorganized debtors (collectively, the "Debtors," or the "Reorganized Debtors") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"). I submit this Declaration in support of the Motion for Entry of an Order Further Extending Deadline for the Reorganized Debtors to Object to Claims and for Related Relief (the "Motion"), <sup>1</sup> filed contemporaneously herewith.
- 2. I am responsible for overseeing the case management component of AlixPartners' assignment to assist the Reorganized Debtors with various matters related to these Chapter 11 Cases. My responsibilities include the efforts by AlixPartners, in coordination with the Reorganized Debtors, to review and assess the validity of all claims asserted against the Debtors, other than Fire Victim Claims and Subrogation Wildfire Claims which are *not* covered by the Motion and will be resolved by the Fire Victim Trust and the Subrogation Wildfire Trust, respectively, in accordance with the Plan. I am generally familiar with the Reorganized Debtors' day-to-day operations, financing arrangements, business affairs, and books and records. Except as otherwise indicated herein, all facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, the knowledge of other AlixPartners professionals working under and alongside me on this matter, my discussions with the Reorganized Debtors' personnel, the Reorganized Debtors' various other advisors and counsel, and my review of relevant documents and information prepared by the Reorganized Debtors. If called upon to testify, I would testify competently to the facts set forth in this Declaration. I am authorized to submit this declaration on behalf of the Reorganized Debtors.
- 3. The AlixPartners team under my supervision has been actively involved in the claims review and reconciliation process since shortly after the filing of these Chapter 11 Cases. AlixPartners initially assisted the Debtors in the preparation of their bankruptcy schedules based on the Debtors'

se: 19-30088 Doc# 10409 Filed: 03/17/21 Entered: 03/17/21 18:05:53 Page 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion.

1 | bo 2 | pr 3 | do 4 | ar 5 | ar 6 | no

books and records. AlixPartners has coordinated with the Debtors in reconciling and reviewing filed proofs of claim with claims reflected in the Debtors' schedules and books and records. AlixPartners has developed and maintains a claims reconciliation database and various data management applications that are used by the Reorganized Debtors and AlixPartners to validate claims as well as identify claims that are invalid in whole or in part, and the appropriate grounds for objection to such claims. AlixPartners is now supporting, and will continue to support, the efforts of the Reorganized Debtors and their counsel to resolve disputed claims, including by formal objections as necessary.

- 4. Following the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases, creditors filed or had listed in the Debtors' schedules of liabilities approximately 22,440 Claims asserting over \$68.4 billion in liabilities. This excludes Claims listed in the Debtors' schedules as contingent, unliquidated, and/or disputed, as well as approximately 86,600 asserted Fire Victim Claims and Subrogation Wildfire Claims.
- 5. Since the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors have successfully expunged, reduced through settlement, or otherwise resolved approximately 13,100 Proofs of Claims asserting approximately \$52.5 billion in Claims against the Debtors—representing approximately 76% of the Claims asserted in these Chapter 11 Cases.<sup>2</sup>
- 6. There are approximately 9,400 Remaining Claims asserting approximately \$16.1 billion (plus unliquidated amounts). The Reorganized Debtors expect that some of the Remaining Claims—including, Claims arising out of or relating to property damage, personal injury and commercial disputes, tax claims, complex trade claims, lien claims, customer claims, protective claims and regulatory claims—are likely to be some of the most fact-specific and time-consuming to resolve. The Subordinated Securities Claims are also in the process of being resolved pursuant to the Court's adopted procedures.<sup>3</sup>

se: 19-30088 Doc# 10409 Filed: 03/17/21 Entered: 03/17/21 18:05:53 Page 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Since the Initial Extension Motion was filed, the Debtors have received untimely Claims and have moved additional Claims to the Fire Victim Trust, resulting in fifteen additional Claims asserting \$254.6 million

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Approximately 7,500 Subordinated Securities Claims were filed against the Debtors' estates. On January 25, 2021, the Court entered the *Order Approving Securities ADR and Related Procedures for Resolving Subordinated Securities Claims* [Docket No. 10015] (the "Securities ADR Order"). The Securities ADR Order approved procedures (the "Securities ADR Procedures") aimed at facilitating the resolution and settlement of Subordinated Securities Claims without the need for expensive and

- 7. Between the filing of the Initial Extension Motion and the date hereof, the Reorganized Debtors have successfully expunged, reduced through settlement, or otherwise resolved approximately 5,900 Claims asserted for approximately \$1.8 billion. Since the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors have successfully expunged, reduced through settlement, or otherwise resolved approximately 13,100 Claims, asserted for approximately \$52.5 billion, representing approximately 76% of the total dollar amount of Claims asserted in these Chapter 11 Cases (excluding Fire Victim Claims and Subrogation Wildfire Claims).
- 8. Since the date of the Initial Extension Motion, the Reorganized Debtors have made distributions on approximately 1,200 Claims, totaling approximately \$184 million, as part of total distributions since the Effective Date on approximately 4,600 Claims totaling approximately \$24.3 billion. The reconciliation, resolution and distributions to date have required extensive efforts of a large team of advisors, attorneys, and the Reorganized Debtors' personnel.
- 9. The Reorganized Debtors have filed sixty-seven Omnibus Objections thus far during the Chapter 11 Cases, and forty-three since the Initial Extension Motion was filed. Through the Plan and prosecution of the Omnibus Objections, approximately 8,200 Claims have been modified, disallowed and/or expunged, reducing the amounts asserted against the Debtors by approximately \$28.3 billion. In addition, approximately 400 additional Claims are currently subject to pending Omnibus Objections, which seek to further reduce the asserted Claims pool by an additional approximately \$200 million. The Reorganized Debtors anticipate filing further objections to more than 900 additional Claims asserting over \$914 million prior to the date of the hearing on this Motion.
- 10. The Debtors and Reorganized Debtors have undertaken extensive efforts to resolve certain Claims through negotiated settlements, resolving approximately 1,800 Claims totaling approximately \$1.2 billion. The Reorganized Debtors have extended currently pending settlement offers which, if accepted, will resolve approximately forty Claims, further reducing the asserted Claims by approximately \$70 million.

ase: 19-30088 Doc# 10409 Filed: 03/17/21 Entered: 03/17/21 18:05:53 Page 4

of 5

protracted litigation on the merits. The Reorganized Debtors are working to resolve the Subordinated Securities Claims in accordance with the Securities ADR Procedures. The relief sought by the Motion applies to the Subordinated Securities Claims, which are for this purpose included in the defined term "Remaining Claims" and in the Remaining Claims statistics.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

11. Since the filing of the Initial Extension Motion, the Reorganized Debtors have initiated a robust claim reconciliation and settlement process pursuant to the General Claims Procedures approved by the ADR Procedures Order. The Reorganized Debtors have sent formal information requests on approximately 300 Claims, have initiated settlement offer exchanges on approximately eighty Claims, and have initiated approximately forty Abbreviated Mediations and approximately forty Standard Mediations. While most of these negotiations and mediations remain ongoing, the Reorganized Debtors' efforts thus far have yielded thirteen settlements totaling \$5.8 million.

I declare under penalty of perjury, as set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Executed this seventeenth day of March, 2021, in Dallas, Texas.

/s/ Robb McWilliams
Robb McWilliams

Case: 19-30088 Doc# 10409 Filed: 03/17/21 Entered: 03/17/21 18:05:53 Page 5